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METHOD OF INTEGRATING A THIN FILM RESISTOR IN

MULTI-LEVEL METAL TUNGSTEN-PLUG INTERCONNECT

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.115

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 06/13/02. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (amended) A method of fabricating an integrated circuit, comprising the steps of:

forming a first interlevel dielectric over a semiconductor body; forming a layer of resistor material over said first interlevel dielectric layer; forming a metal stack on said layer of resistor material;

forming a first pattern over said metal stack;